



# PICKERING URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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## **Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health**

FOR THE

**Year ending December 31st, 1906.**

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Urban Sanitary Authority,*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1906.

In the year ending December 31st, 1905, the population of the district was estimated to be 3,500. My estimate for the year 1906 is exactly the same for the following reasons:—

- (1.) Several new houses have been built, some are occupied, others are not finished and ready for occupation. Those already occupied are by people who previously lived in the district.
- (2.) The decrease in the birth-rate is more marked than in any previous year.

**The increase in the number of Inmates in the Workhouse** which existed during the two previous years still continues, the average being one more during the past year, viz. : 53.

**The number of Births registered in the District** during the year 1906 is 85, ten less than in the year 1905, showing a birth-rate of 24·2 per thousand, a decrease of three per thousand. Three births took place in the Workhouse, one one less than in the year 1905.

**The number of Deaths registered in the District** during the year 1906 is 49 (a record year), 20 less than in the year 1905, Males 28, Females 21. Six deaths took place in the Workhouse, three of which did not belong to the district, three less than in the year 1905. Showing a death-rate for the whole number of 14 per thousand, a decrease of 5·7 per thousand, and after deducting the deaths belonging to other districts a death-rate of 13·1 per thousand.

Two deaths took place from Zymotic diseases during the past year, one from Enteric Fever, and one from Scarlet Fever, showing a death-rate of 0·5 per thousand.

Nine deaths took place in children under one year, one less than in the year 1905, showing a ~~birth~~<sup>death</sup>-rate of 2·5 per thousand.

Twenty-five deaths took place in people of 65 years and upwards. five less than in the year 1905, five of whom died in the Workhouse, their respective ages being 91 years, 86 years, 79 years, 74 years, and 67 years, showing a death rate for the whole number of 7·1 per thousand, an increase of 1·0 from the year 1905.

**Notifications of 62 cases of Infectious Diseases** have been received during the past year, viz. :—

|               |   |    |
|---------------|---|----|
| Scarlet Fever | - | 60 |
| Enteric „     | - | 1  |
| Erysipelas    | - | 1  |

With the exception of the months of February and April, Scarlet Fever was present in the remaining ten months. One death only took place; the epidemic being of a very mild form.

In the case of Enteric which was notified, I visited the house and premises, but was unable to find any possible cause.

**In Table IV.** you will find the causes of death classified as under :—

|                          |   |                     |    |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------|----|
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis   | 2 | Senile Decay        | 10 |
| Nonclosure of Heart      | 2 | Convulsions         | 3  |
| Chronic Rheumatism       | 2 | Chronic Epilepsy    | 2  |
| Apoplexy                 | 2 | Heart Disease       | 8  |
| Pneumonia                | 3 | Premature Birth     | 3  |
| Intestinal Obstruction   | 1 | Influenza           | 1  |
| Cirrhosis of Liver       | 2 | Enteric Fever       | 1  |
| Marasmus                 | 3 | Scarlet Fever       | 1  |
| Malignant Disease of the |   | Cerebral Hæmorrhage | 1  |
| Stomach                  | 1 | Carcimona Recti     | 1  |
| —                        |   |                     |    |
| Total number of deaths   |   |                     | 49 |
| —                        |   |                     |    |

The number of deaths is exceedingly low, certainly constituting a record since I first became M.O.H.—except for the number of cases of Scarlet Fever—the district, as you will observe, being almost entirely free from notifiable Infectious Diseases.

Senile Decay and Heart Disease have been the chief causes of death. Diseases of the Respiratory Organs only being the cause of five deaths.

**No Inquisition** has been held during the past year.

**Drinking Water Supply.**

The water from the springhead has been good and plentiful. I have upon many occasions examined the water from the mains and from the Carr Cut, which, with two exceptions, was uniformly good; the two exceptions, in my opinion, were entirely due to the Cut not being properly scoured; since that has been done I have nothing to complain of.

**Drainage and Sewage.**

Further improvements have been made during the past year but something remains to be done which I hope may be completed during the coming year.

The deviation of the sewer at the top of the Market Place has been made quite to my satisfaction.

We are still without either an Isolation Hospital or Infectious Wards for the whole Union. I hope the two Councils may be able to come to some terms of agreement so that we have the necessary buildings provided.

**The Lodging Houses** are clean and well kept.

**Factory and Workships Act.**

I have visited the several works and am satisfied the requirements of the Act are duly carried out.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. W. ROBERTSON,  
M. O. H.

FEBRUARY 11TH, 1907.

